

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-539	30 October 2023
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## Your request

You requested the following:

Please provide detail on all NHS dental contracts returned by contractors in your Health Board for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years, and, and 1 April 2023-date.

1. For each contract, please provide data on its
  - i) cash value, its
  - ii) address, and
  - iii) for 2022/23 onwards whether the contract participated into the contract reform programme.
2. Please also indicate whether any practices that moved to the contact reform programme, reverted to the UDA contract prior to returning their NHS contract.
3. Please provide totals on moneys clawed back from NHS dental contractors in Wales for failure to fulfil their NHS contractual targets, for each financial year 2015/16 to 2022/23.
4. For each financial year indicate what proportion of practices were subject to this clawback.
5. For 2022/23 please indicate what proportion of clawback came from contracts with the Welsh Government's contract reform programme for all or part of the financial year.

## Our response

For question 1i, the information requested is exempt from disclosure under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). It is considered that the information requested is commercially sensitive and, if released, is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the contractors and the Health Board.

Our response to questions 1ii and 1iii for NHS dental contracts returned by the contractors is provided in the table below:

Financial Year	Contractor's Address	Contract Reform Programme
2021-22	We did not receive any returned contracts.	N/A
2022-23	Bethcar Dental Practice, 97 Bethcar Street, Ebbw Vale NP23 6BB	Participated
	Dental Nova Dental Surgery, 26 Commercial Street, Cwmbran NP44 1DZ	Did not participate

In response to question 2, no practices that returned their contract who were participating in the contract reform programme reverted to the UDA contract prior to returning their NHS contract.

Our response to questions 3 and 4 is provided in the table below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Monies Recovered</b>	<b>No. of Practices</b>
2015-16	£322,161	11
2016-17	£696,147	21
2017-18	£644,957	31
2018-19	£503,770	22
2019-20	£574,052	25
2020-21	£0.00	0
2021-22	£0.00	0
2022-23	£2,256,671	47

Please note that:

- The monies were recovered from NHS dental contractors within the Health Board who underperformed against their contractual targets.
  - The monies recovered for financial year 2022-23 includes contracts from both General Dental Services (GDS) and Personal Dental Services (PDS).
  - We are only able to provide information for practices within Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.
5. £1,762,501.17 was recovered from 29 practices operating under the Welsh Government's contract reform. This includes a 20% carry forward, where applicable.